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SUBJ: BAHRAINI MINISTER OF INFORMATION COMMENTS TO QATARI
NEWSPAPER ON SECURITY DECREE PROBLEM

1. GOB MINISTER OF INFORMATION MOAYYED, WHO VISITED QATAR
JUNE 23-24 TO ATTEND INAUGURATION OF NEW QATARI NATIONAL
MUSEUM, WAS INTERVIEWED BY DOHA DAILY "AL ARAB" IN JUNE 24 ISSUE.

2. AFTER USUAL BOILERPLATE ON BROTHERLY RELATIONS BETWEEN
QATAR AND BAHRAIN, MOAYYED COMMENTED ON RECENT CONTROVERSY
BETWEEN GOB AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT SECURITY DECREE. MOAYYED
DENIED THAT GOVT HAD "WITHDRAWN" FROM ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, HE
EXPRESSED REGRET FOR GOVT'S NON-ATTENDANCE, WHICH HE SAID HAD
APPROVAL OF NUMBER OF DEPUTIES AND WAS DESIGNED TO AVOID A
CONFRONTATION ON SENSITIVE SECURITY SUBJECTS, SINCE THIS NOT
IN INTEREST OF ANY CONCERNED PARTY.

3. NOTING THAT THERE WERE A VARIETY OF VIEWS AMONG ASSEMBLY
MEMBERS ON SECURITY DECREE, MOAYYED SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THIS
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GOVT HAD REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF DISCUSSION UNTIL VARIOUS

VIEWPOINTS HARMONIZED AND DECREE ISNULLY RE-EVALUATED. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT OPPOSTING VIEWS WOULD BE RECONCILED AMICABLY DURING ASSEMBLY'S SUMMER RECESS. HE SAID THAT SECURITY DECREE WOULD BE FIRST SUBJECT ON ASSEMBLY'S AGENDA NEXT OCTOBER.

4. MOAYYED TOOK OCCASION TO POINT TO ONGOING "DEMOCRATIC" EXPERIMENT IN BAHRAIN, AND GOB'S UNWILLINGNESS TO "WEAKEN OR EMBARRASS" ASSEMBLY. HE EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF GOVT AND ASSEMBLY WORKING IN HARMONY FOR BEST INTERESTS OF BAHRAIN. PAGANELLI

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